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Perry doubts defector's take on N. Korea nuclear capability

Defense Secretary William Perry says he stands behind Defense Secretary William Perry says he stands behind intelligence estimates that North Korea probably has reprocessed enough plutonium to build one or two nuclear explosive devices, not five reported by a North Korean defector. "I continue to believe that our estimate of one to two nuclear bombs is a much better estimate than an estimate of five," he said on in an interview Wednesday night on the MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour on PRS TV.

Kang Myong Do, identified as a son-In-law of North Korea's prime minister, Kang Song San, said at a Seoul news conference that Pyongyang had five nuclear warheads.

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Early today, North Korea angrily denounced South Korea for putting a "criminal" defector on show and flatly denled he was related to Kang. It accused the South of jeopardizing reconciliation of the two Koreas.